

## Interview Summary

Application No.

10/075,020

Applicant(s).

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Examiner

Alicia Chevalier

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Alicia Chevalier.

(3) Bill McCarcken.

(2) Erin Fox.

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Date of Interview: 30 March 2005.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: All pending.

Identification of prior art discussed: All cited.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see continuation sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

### **Continuation Sheet**

*Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:*

Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed possible claim amendments to overcome the prior art of record.

The Examiner suggested that Applicant amend the preamble language to recite something similar to a disposable cutting sheet/board for use to cut and prepare food. The Examiner also suggested amending the claim clarifying that each portion or means is a distinct layer, clarifying the order of the layers, clarifying that the layers are disposed on one another, and that the section of the second layer, i.e. the absorbent and thermoplastic ply extends beyond all sides of the first layer. The Examiner also recommended adding that the first layer is cut resistant and comprises apertures.

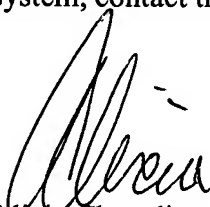
### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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